

VISION, MISSION, AND BELIEFS

The vision of Clemson Elementary School is to provide a caring and stimulating environment where all will recognize and achieve their fullest potential, so they can become independent, responsible citizens who adapt effectively to an ever-changing and inter-dependent world.

Our mission is to provide all students a foundation that inspires life-long learning, fosters positive self-concept, and promotes citizenship by providing meaningful learning experiences in a safe and nurturing environment through the combined efforts of the students, parents, staff, and community.

We believe:

...we have an obligation to provide our best efforts to benefit students.

...student and teacher growth is mutually advantageous.

...working as a team makes us better individuals and professionals.

...developing one's full potential must address developing the cognitive, physical, and emotional growth of each individual.

...encouraging respect for others builds personal self-esteem.

...understanding and respect for cultural diversity contribute to an enriched society.

...promoting logical thinking rooted in creativity contributes to an intellectually stimulating and challenging school environment.

...curiosity and enthusiasm are attributes worthy of fostering in students and adults.

2015-2016 SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Bobby Ballentine, Community Member
Terri Bruce, Parent Member
Barry Burnett, Teacher Member
Wendy Cawood, Ex-Officio Member
Michelle Craddock, Ex-Officio Member
Karen Ellers, Community Member
Judy Ferguson, Community Member
Steve Figueroa, Community Member
Christy Medeiros, Parent Member
Carol Ann Riggins, Teacher Member
Joey Sarkees, Parent Member
Lynda Tomlinson, Parent Member
Joy VanDaele, Parent Member
Allison Young, Chairperson, Parent Member



More information about Clemson Elementary School can be obtained by visiting the State Department of Education's website at www.ed.sc.gov or the school's website at www.pickens.k12.sc.us/CLE.

This report is provided to parents in compliance with the Education Finance Act (EFA) of 1977, the Education Improvement Act (EIA) of 1984, and the Elementary and Secondary Academic Act (ACT 135) of 1993. It presents information about school accomplishments in the 2014-2015 school year.

2015-2016 REPORT TO PARENTS

CLEMSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



*Where every day is a
great day to learn!*

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Michelle Craddock, Principal
Wendy Cawood, Assistant Principal
Michael Turner, Assistant Principal

ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

Located on the banks of Lake Hartwell, the town of Clemson enjoys a beauty that combines old southern architecture and modern, sophisticated ambiance producing an interesting and stimulating environment for all who live and work here. Clemson Elementary School is an integral part of this rural, quaint community.

Clemson Elementary is an esteemed, public school serving a diverse population of approximately 880 students in grades Pre-K-5. It boasts a gymnasium that is shared by the community, an amphitheater, a computer lab, a science lab, playgrounds, gardens, nature trails, and other outdoor learning areas.

A tradition of excellence has long been an essential part of Clemson Elementary's school culture. Clemson Elementary is one of very few elementary schools in South Carolina to be awarded the prestigious State Department of Education's Palmetto Gold Award in all years of eligibility since the award's inception. In addition to this accomplishment, Clemson Elementary has also received overall report card ratings of excellent each year since 2001.

Clemson Elementary has a faculty and staff of over 100 highly trained, dedicated professionals who provide a safe and academically challenging environment for the students of the Clemson area. Together with its stakeholders, the school celebrates a learning community that is known for its rich cultural diversity, the individuality of every student, and a commitment to each student's success. Our faculty and staff recognize that every child brings his or her own set of experiences, interests, learning styles, and expectations into the classroom. Our goal is to make our school a place "Where every day is a great day to learn."

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

2015-2016 MEASURES OF ACADEMIC PROGRESS AVERAGE RIT SCORES

	Reading			Math			
	School	District	Nation	School	District	Nation	
K	Fall	148.7	143.6	141	149.8	142.3	140.3
	Winter	159.3	154.6	150.1	161.2	154.9	150.1
	Spring	*	*	158.1	*	*	159.1
1st	Fall	170.5	165.1	159.9	172.8	167.4	161.6
	Winter	181	174.4	170.4	185.2	177.9	172.6
	Spring	*	*	177.5	*	*	180.8
2nd	Fall	183.4	176.2	174	184.8	178.7	176.2
	Winter	191.3	186.6	183.2	192.4	188.1	185.3
	Spring	*	*	188.7	*	*	192.1
3rd	Fall	198.8	191.3	187.7	200	193.2	189.9
	Winter	204.5	198.7	194.9	207	200.4	197.3
	Spring	*	*	198.6	*	*	203.4
4th	Fall	207.2	200.4	197.7	207.9	202.7	201.5
	Winter	212.6	206.4	203.1	213.7	208.2	207.9
	Spring	*	*	205.9	*	*	213.5
5th	Fall	213.7	208.1	205.4	217.7	211.7	211.1
	Winter	216.9	212.5	209.4	225.1	217.8	216.5
	Spring	*	*	211.8	*	*	221.4

* Comprehensive grade-level information not available or testing not completed at time of publication

2015-2016 RECOGNITIONS

- Palmetto Gold Award Winner
- Regional Science Fair at Southern Wesleyan University—First Place Award Winner 4th Grade Division
- SC Scholastic Chess Tournament —Second Place Award for Elementary Division
- National Board Certified Teachers (7)
- Safe Kids Upstate Safe School Award
- SC Elementary Honors Choir Student Participant
- National PTA Reflections State Competition—First Place Award Winner for Intermediate Video Production
- Odyssey of the Mind SC State Tournament— First Place Team Awards (2)

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, ARTS AND MATH OPPORTUNITIES

- Project Lead the Way
- Folk Music Artist in Residence
- Clemson University Presents STEM in the Classroom

EXTRACURRICULAR

- After School Care
- America Reads
- Arts Center
- Call Me Mister
- Chess Team
- Chicks with Kicks
- Chorus
- Drumming
- Etiquette Class
- First Lego League
- Future Engineers
- Garden Club
- Geography Bee
- Golf
- Good News Club
- Guitar Lessons
- Jump Rope Team
- Kuk Sool Won
- Odyssey of the Mind
- Safety Patrol
- Spirit of Giving Food Drive
- Yoga